

Application No. 10/510,589
Amendment dated December 21, 2007
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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 remain present in this application

The specification and claims 1-7 have been amended. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims

It is noted that certain minor changes have been made throughout the claims, for example, to change the word "said" to --the--, and to change "A method" to --The method-- in the dependent claims, for example. This has been done not in response to any particular objection or rejection made by the Examiner, but simply for consistency, to correct grammatical errors, and to place the application in better condition for allowance. It is believed that these changes to not affect the scope of the claims and, as such, should be entered by the Examiner.

Objection to the Claims

The claims stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c). In particular, the Examiner has indicated that these claims fail to further limit the subject matter of the previous claim(s), as claims 1 and 5 refer to the scattering member being arranged "only" in at least part of the transmissive region and that claims 2 and 6 refer to the scattering member being arranged in a second region. The Examiner has further indicated that these two embodiments are mutually exclusive.

It is noted that claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 have been amended for clarity. Support for the changes to these claims can be found at least in paragraphs [0029], [0031], [0032] and [0044] of

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the published application, and originally filed Figs. 1 and 2. Accordingly, these changes should not be considered to contain new matter.

In particular, it is noted that the liquid crystal panel disclosed in the first and second embodiments (shown in Figs. 1 and 2) are constructed of a first and a second substrate 101, 105 which face each other. The first substrate 101 has a reflecting member 104 and the second substrate 105 has at least one scattering member. A **first scattering member 106, 201** is arranged in **only at least part of the transmissive region 102**, and a **second scattering member 202 is arranged in only a second region** corresponding to reflection region 103. Accordingly, the location of the second scattering member is not be mutually exclusive with the location of the first scattering member.

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 recite, as follows (emphasis added):

1. (Currently Amended) A transfective liquid crystal display device comprising:

a liquid crystal panel, the liquid crystal panel having a transmissive region and a reflective region in each pixel, and being constructed of a first and a second substrate facing each other, ***the first substrate having a reflecting member, and the second substrate having at least one scattering member;***

wherein the reflecting member is arranged in a first region other than the transmissive region, and ***a first scattering member is arranged only in at least part of the transmissive region.***

2. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the second substrate has ***a second scattering member arranged in a second region corresponding to the reflective region***, the second scattering member having a lower scattering effect than that of the first scattering member.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of providing a transfective liquid crystal display device having a liquid crystal panel with a transmissive region and a reflective region in each pixel and being constructed of a first and a second substrate facing each other, the method comprising:

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arranging a reflecting member in a first region other than the transmissive region of the first substrate; and,
arranging *at least one scattering member on the second substrate, wherein a first scattering member is arranged only in at least part of the transmissive region of said second substrate,* but not in the first region.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 5, further comprising the step of arranging *a second scattering member in a second region of the second substrate corresponding to the first region,* the second scattering member having a lower scattering effect than that of the first scattering member.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2 and 6 are in proper dependent form, as these claims further limit the subject matter of independent claims 1 and 5, respectively. As such, any objection to the claims should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Examiner considers claims 1-7 to contain allowable subject matter. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application should now fully be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

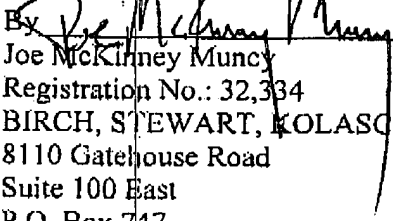
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